

Today's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL CITY HALL.

Under the direction of Mr. ROBERT BROUGH, Representative—Mr. HAMILTON.

THIS EVENING, (FRIDAY) the 25th March, 1898, Commencing at 8 P.M.

LAST FOUR NIGHTS OF THE COMEDY COMPANY.

THIS EVENING at 9, FIRST PRODUCTION IN HONGKONG OF "THE PASSPORT" "THE PASSPORT" "THE PASSPORT" An Original Farce Comedy, by B. C. ST. PHENIX and W. VANDERK. Adapted from Colonel Savage's Celebrated Novel "My Official Wife."

MONDAY, 28th March, "A PAIR OF SPECTACLES" By SYDNEY GRUNDY.

TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, 29th and 30th March, In consequence of Mr. BROUGH having granted the use of the Theatre for the Ball to be given in honour of H.R.H. PRINCE HENRY, there will be no performance on these nights.

THURSDAY, 31st March, LAST NIGHT OF THE SEASON! "DANDY DIK" By A. W. PINRO.

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SCIENTIFIC PALMISTRY.

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HONGKONG HOTEL, Room No. 134. Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [410]

CRAYON PORTRAITS.

MR. W. S. GIVEN. has the pleasure to introduce to the Public of Hongkong his

CRAYON PORTRAITS. These are drawn from life, or from Photographs of any kind, in every style and made to any size as desired. Samples on view at his studio, No. 48 HONGKONG HOTEL. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1898. [419]

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

ENTRIES for the ATHLETIC SPORTS will be received up to 5 P.M. on SATURDAY, the 26th instant.

WM. MACRELL, Acting Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 25th March, 1898. [436]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

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"KALGAN," Captain Bennett, will be despatched as above on MONDAY, the 28th instant, at NOON. For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 25th March, 1898. [425]

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FOR MANILA (DIRECT). The Company's Steamship

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A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY. Hongkong, 8th December, 1897. [7]

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1898.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

One port after another is declaring quarantine against Hongkong, and the trade of this colony suffers in proportion. It is all very well to declaim against the utter unreasonableness of all this quarantining; but that does not help us. The fact remains that Hongkong is suffering and will continue to do so every time there is any epidemic sufficiently serious to scare the easily-scared neighbouring ports. Of course, the authorities in Singapore and Saigon and Manila and Japan ought to be more sensible; but there is all the difference in the world between what ought to be and what is. Practical men devote their attention to what is.

This quarantine boycott is the penalty for insanitation. Hongkong has the finest system of drainage in the east—on paper. Here again is a difference between what ought to be and what is. What is, is a putrid atmosphere pervading the Queen's Road level every evening. It is "no worse than other eastern towns," it is "wonderfully clean, all things considered," but small-pox and plague are ripe enough to cause all other ports unanimously to declare quarantine. The colony is so near to China that epidemics cannot be avoided without an immense amount of careful thought and hard work—perhaps not even then. We have got to take more thought, and do more work. The town is still far from clean, even if the drains were perfect.

A correspondent sends us a long string of complaints about the treatment of sailors in the Navy. To us, his picture seems a little overdrawn; but he has been there, and we have not. At any rate, it is quite certain that the Navy is undermanned because men can find

better things to do, and the Naval Authorities must realise the conditions of a free labour market. The Navy must be made to compete successfully with other pursuits in all ways that tend to attract men. It is no argument for officers or Lords of the Admiralty to say how much is done for the men, and how much reason there is to be satisfied, and how little real cause for complaint there is. The fact remains that men are not attracted to the Navy in sufficient numbers. It is the business of the Navy League to see that the conditions are made attractive enough. Failing that, all the talk in the world, lectures, speeches, newspaper articles, and what not, will never avail to draw a man to sea if he is better pleased elsewhere, and only the present inadequate residuum will join the navy.

The *Siam Free Press* issues an appeal to all journalists in the East to aid in denouncing the action of the Siamese authorities, who have expelled the editor from the country on the ground that his conduct was liable to endanger the relations of Siam with other countries. He attempted to send to the *New York Herald* two telegrams which we certainly think, in view of the history of Franco-Siamese intercourse, might have led to trouble between the two countries. And we do think the *Siam Free Press* has consistently done its best for French designs on Siam, at the expense alike of Siamese and British interests. And we have no sympathy for a British subject who does that. The *Free Press* has been useful in exposing abuses and pointing out faults in Siamese administration; but it has been too plainly partizan. It is a pity, for Siam is a country that evidently needs a "candid friend," and if the *Free Press* had been that instead of being the tool of French intrigues, we would now give all the support in our power.

TELEGRAMS.

["HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" SPECIAL.]

THE FATE OF TALIAN-WAN.

RUMOURED APPOINTMENT OF RUSSIAN GOVERNOR.

TIEN-TSIN, March 24th.

It is reported that Russia is proceeding steadily with preparations for the administration of Talianwan as a Russian Colony, protectorate, or leasehold property. It is said that a Russian Governor has already been appointed, in the person of Colonel Wogack, military attaché to the Russian Legation at Peking. [Colonel Wogack in the China-Japan war accompanied Marshal Oyama as special attaché.]

REUTERS' MESSAGES.

FIGHTING IN THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, March 23rd.

A sharp engagement has taken place between an Egyptian cavalry patrol and Dervish horsemen near Albara. The Dervishes were repulsed.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

China has not yet formally replied to the French demands.

CRICKET.

Stoddart's closing match at Adelaide ended in a draw.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

H. M. S. *Borlugh* left for Nagasaki this morning.

THE annual inspection of the Hongkong Volunteers by H.E. the Commanding Officer will take place on April 13th.

P.C. WOOLLEY last night made a raid on the rushing ricksha fiends outside the City Hall, and to-day six culprits were fined \$3 each.

H.I.G.M.S. *Geylon* arrived from Swatow and Amoy this morning, and H.R.H. Prince Henry who was on board was received with the usual salutes from the fleet and the shore battery.

MEMBERS of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps cordially invite the ladies of the Colony to the Association Range, Kowloon, on Saturday, 26th instant, when the Ladies' Prizes will be competed for.

As the result of a row in Cochrane Street last night in a shoe-maker's shop, one coiffeur had to be taken to Hospital with a severe knife wound in the right side. The assailant was arrested by Sergeant Fenton, brought up to-day at the Magistracy—and remanded for a week. The weapon used was a shoe-maker's knife.

TO-MORROW afternoon on the Happy Valley on the ground of the Hongkong Football Club in the Final for the Hongkong Football Challenge Shield G. Company K. O. R. will play 25th Company, S.D. R. A. Kick-off at half past four o'clock. Referee—Mr. J. W. L. Oliver. After the match the Shield and 11th gold medals will be presented to the winning team by Mrs. Black. A number of seats will be provided for ladies.

LAST night Sergt. Dixon and P.C. MacSwayed arrested a vagrant sleeping in stairways in Pond Street. They were brought up at the Magistracy to-day and urged the boys not to lose the supremacy in educational work. A hearty vote of thanks moved by the Hon. E. R. Bellillo and three cheers called for by Mr. Braidwood were accorded Sir John and the proceedings closed. The hour was too late for a detailed report to-night but Mr. Braidwood's report and the prize list appear in another column.

ANOTHER false weights conviction was obtained by Inspector Duncan to-day, a fine of \$25 or six months' hard labour being imposed. If the Inspector keeps on like this he'll do much towards making the Chinese appreciate honesty and fair dealing.

We understand that the P. W. D. is at last going to attend to the condition of the Magistracy and effect some much-needed repairs and alterations. With the hot weather coming on all having business at the Court will welcome a change from the old order of things. Even to-day right up till noon the gas had to be kept slight over the bench.

We hear that the Peak Hotel is being freshly colourwashed with the locally manufactured Cementlight and that the same composition is being extensively experimented with at Quarry Bay. Outsiders appear to appreciate Cementlight also for two large orders have lately been received from India and a considerable quantity of oil paint is being shipped for there.

For assaulting a woman in a Chinese brothel and breaking crockery a coiffeur was to-day fined \$25, or 2 months and ordered to pay \$7 compensation or go to prison for 28 days. Two confederates were respectively fined \$10 or one month and \$3 or 10 days. Another offender of the same class was fined \$25 or 2 months and for breaking things he has to pay \$10 as amends.

SOMEONE suggests that the Japanese 'produce their white sparrows from grey ones, by keeping them "in a white cage in a white room, where they are attended by a person dressed in white." The mental effect on the sparrows is said to be that after several generations they become white also. On this system we suppose that if you caught a man and kept him in a photographer's dark room in a suit of black clothes, fed him on black beetles, and had him watched by blackguards, you might in time evolve a negro.—*L. & C. Express.*

WITH so large a fleet of warships as is now in port the harbour presents a very pretty appearance at night time, especially when Uncle Sam's ships are at signal practice. Last night, however, the display was particularly fine and interesting, no less than eight search lights being at work. The effect was a most extraordinary one as the giant streams of white light crossed and recrossed each other, and brought out with startling clearness the buildings on the Peak, and at Kowloon, and then "picked up" small craft on the harbour. The display was much continued till gun fire and attracted very much attention ashore.

A cricket match, Over 25 v. Under 25, will be played at the Cricket Ground, commencing at noon to-morrow and be resumed at 2 p.m. on Monday. The following are the teams:—Over 25. Rev. G. R. Vallings, Capt. Langhorne, R.A., J. A. Lawson, Surg. Paid, R.N., Capt. Jellicoe, R.N., A. Anderson, Tyson, A.P.D., E. Mast, Lt. Sheldorf, R.N., T. Sercombe, Smith and A. N. Other. Under 25. W. A. L. Lethbridge, K.O.R., H. S. Morley, H.K.R., G. D. Campbell, H.K.R., Bedwell, R.N., Lt. Perry, Ayscough, R.N., Lt. Gillett, R.N., Lt. Barton, R.N., A. C. Greene, R.A., H. C. M. Elliot, R.N., H. Shipway, R.N., and A. N. O. her.

Mr. W. S. Given, a clever artist in black and white, is now on a visit to this colony and is prepared to execute portraits, enlargements, and other artistic works. Mr. Given is a young artist of very considerable skill and from what we have seen of his works we have no hesitation in saying that his patrons will be highly satisfied. For a long time past Mr. Given has practised in Sydney and his series of crayon drawings of prominent politicians and other public men, made a visit to his studio exceedingly interesting. In pen and ink drawing he has also made a name for himself, his caricatures after Phil May and other famous artists being particularly fine. Mr. Given is staying at the Hongkong Hotel where he will be pleased to meet art patrons.

THERE was another large attendance at the Theatre Royal last night when the Brouh & Company repeated "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray." As on the night before, the company's splendid interpretation of the much-discussed drama was appreciated most thoroughly and Mrs. Brough's powerful acting won for her the warmest applause. The other members of the company had full measure of approbation and the painful story of Tanqueray's hazardous "experiment" held the attention of the audience from first to last. To-night comedy will hold the boards and afford the play-going public a good opportunity of witnessing the versatility of this clever company. The programme for to-night is a farcical comedy entitled "The Passport," and critics at home and in Australia describe it as one of the most successful things of its kind ever seen on the stage. It is adapted from Savage's clever novel "My Official Wife," and Mr. and Mrs. Brough have won golden opinions for their delineation of the leading characters.

Sir John Carrington, Chief Justice, presided at the presentation of prizes of the Victoria English Schools at the City Hall this afternoon. The building was crowded and the pupils, directed by Mrs. Braidwood, went through a first class programme of vocal and instrumental music and some of the girls performed a pretty dance. After presenting the prizes Sir John Carrington addressed the visitors and children. He spoke in highly complimentary terms of the success of the schools work last year. He also gave some words of kindly encouragement to the non-winners and expressed the hope that the schools would flourish and turn out young men and women of whom the Colony might well be proud. He made special reference to the girls' success in their work at school and urged the boys not to lose the supremacy in educational work. A hearty vote of thanks moved by the Hon. E. R. Bellillo and three cheers called for by Mr. Braidwood were accorded Sir John and the proceedings closed. The hour was too late for a detailed report to-night but Mr. Braidwood's report and the prize list appear in another column.

THE Assistant Colonial Secretary transmits to us a copy of a letter from the French consul here stating that the Governor General of Indo-China telegraphed to him that from the 15th of March the port of Hongkong has been declared infected with plague and the entry of Chinese immigrants from Hongkong to Indo-China is temporarily prohibited.

At the Magistracy to-day a licensed ricksha coiffeur was charged with reckless driving along Praya Central and injuring a small boy whom he knocked down on the Praya Central. The P. M. ordered the coiffeur to pay the boy \$1 as compensation. In connection with this case a charge of assault was brought by a Chinese constable against Mr. Joseph Kew who was in the vehicle at the time. The officer who had a much-battered eye, said that after the boy was knocked down, the ricksha made off and he tried to stop it, when Mr. Kew struck him. He denied assaulting the defendant. Mr. Kew said that he understood the coiffeur had satified with the boy and his vehicle was pursued by a crowd of coolies. Complaint was not in uniform, he seized the shafts and grabbed defendant by the collar of his coat and followed it up by hitting him on the face with his umbrella; other Chinese attacked defendant from behind. It was then he struck complainant in self defence. Complainant only produced his police whistle when a European constable came on the scene. Defendant's story was borne out by two witnesses who said several coolies joined in the attack. Capt. Hastings dismissed the case and said he had no doubt that complainant's evidence was false. He had told different stories and lied most foolishly. He was not fit to be a constable and would be fined \$10 for lying. The constable had been two years in the force.

We would remind our readers that there is now in Hongkong a lady palmist and phreologist who enjoys what may be fairly called a world-wide reputation for her skill. We refer to Mrs. Joseph North, who is now on a visit to Hongkong in a tour of the Far East after having had a most successful practice in Great Britain, Australia, and India. All who have consulted this gifted lady speak in the most unqualified terms of the accuracy of her delineations; and the information that she is able to supply, as regards personal characteristics, etc., has in many cases proved of very great value. A person's character and disposition do show to a certain extent in the features and in the manner, even in the dress sometimes, and in the bearing. Why, therefore, should they not show in the hand? For ourselves, we feel convinced that they do show. At any rate, after careful enquiry in the most cautious manner we have found that Mrs. North can give a wonderful amount of perfectly accurate detail in the way of character delineation, which cannot possibly be guess work or anything but bona fide insight, through some means or other, by the face or hand or head. From the character and disposition it is possible to some extent to deduce the past and the future; that is to say, a map of a certain type is likely to have gone through certain experiences, and it is likely that he will in future go through certain experiences beyond that we are sceptical. Up to that point, however, we have nothing but commendation for this very interesting and instructive visitor. As will be seen in our advertising columns, Mrs. North may be consulted at the Hongkong Hotel.

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS.

The distribution of prizes of the above schools by Sir J. W. Carrington took place at the City Hall this afternoon.

The following is the report for the year 1897 which was read by Mr. W. D. Braidwood:—

Sir John Carrington, Ladies and Gentlemen:—I have the honour to lay before you the Annual Report of the Victoria English Schools for the year ending 31st December, 1897. The number of pupils enrolled during the year was 219. The average attendance during the year was 125.64. At the Annual Government Examination in December, 101 pupils were presented viz:—69 Boys and 32 Girls. In the Girls' School all passed and in the Boys' School 94 per cent. In Reading, Copy-writing, Elementary Science and Book-keeping 100 per cent passed; Arithmetic, Grammar and Geography 98.5; Euclid 82.5; Algebra 75. The results in History and Physical Geography were not so satisfactory. In the latter subject the papers were more difficult than usual. These remarks refer to the Boys' School only. Sixteen pupils presented themselves for the Oxford Local Examination. Of these ten were successful, three boys and seven girls, viz:—2 Senior, 6 Junior and 2 Preliminary. Miss S. Mehta was distinguished in Scripture. The Local Branch of the Navy League offered two prizes of \$20 each for Essays on "The Command of the Sea," and "The Use of the British Navy." These prizes were awarded to D. Bellillo and H. Marshall respectively. We tender our best thanks to The Navy League and its Hon. Secretary for their endeavours to kindle a spirit of patriotism among the children.

The Library has been a source of great pleasure to the pupils but more books are required and we shall be very grateful if our friends will assist to provide them. Drill has been carried on during the year and many of our pupils have been enrolled in the Local Volunteer Corps.

The physical welfare of the children has been carefully considered. The Boys have their Cricket and Football Clubs and the Girls a Lawn Tennis Club. Our heartfelt thanks are due to the following gentlemen for kindly contributing to the Prize Fund:—Sir J. W. Carrington, Kt., C.M.G.; Hon. E. R. Bellillo, C.M.G.; Rev. G. J. Williams, Hon. T. H. W. H. Jackson, Esq., N. A. Stebbins, Esq., A. G. Roman, Esq.; D. Warren Smith, Esq.; D. Gilles, Esq.; H. M. Mehta, Esq.; G. C. Anderson, Esq.; Granville Sharp, Esq.; J. M. Bass, Esq.; J. Jordan, Esq.; R. Mitchell, Esq.

The following is the Prize List:—

OXFORD UNIVERSITY LOCAL EXAMINATION. Seniors A.A.—S. Mehta (distinguished in Scripture), A. Souza.

Juniors—Anne Baker, Mary Rodger, Joseph Joseph, Bella Henderson, J. H. Rutenjoe, E. G. de Aquino.

Preliminary—Morris Marcus, Augusta Yvanovich.

NAVY LEAGUE PRIZES. "Command of the Sea"—H. Naphthal.

"Use of the British Navy"—D. Bellillo.

CLASS PRIZES.

STANDARD EX VII.

H. Rapp, Mathematics and Composition; R. Bass, Geography and Mapping.

STANDARD VII.

J. H. Rutenjoe, History and Grammar; A. Seedin, Mathematics; D. Bellillo, Mapping and Painting.

STANDARD VI.

P. Bass, Reading; F. Rapp, Mathematics; C. Alves, Geography; A. Lopes, Composition.

STANDARD V.

L. Zialcita, General Excellence; S. Fuschy, Arithmetic; F. M. P. da Silva, Mapping; S. Rutenjoe, Reading.

STANDARD IV.

P. Rutenjoe, Reading; M. Abraham, Arithmetic; G. W. Mackay, Writing.

STANDARD III.

A. Ribeiro, Arithmetic; J. Castilho, Reading; F. Oingo, Writing.

STANDARD II.

Julio Botelho, Arithmetic; Y. Kuanak, Writing; F. Roman, Reading.

STANDARD I.

Geo. Klinek, Reading; F. Mast, Writing; G. Komar, Arithmetic.

SPECIAL PRIZE.

M. Abdullah, Painting.

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

STANDARD VII.

Mary Rodger, Gen., Phy. Geo., and Gen. Prose; S. Mehta, History, Composition, and Gen. Prose; M. Seb, Needle work, French, Drawing, Rosalio Bass, Arithmetic, Anna Bates, Good Conduct and Gen. Prose; Maria Xavier, Drawing, Augusta Yvanovich.

STANDARD VI.

Mrs. Mehta, Gen. and History. H. Schmidt, Composition. Rosal Mackenzie, Arithmetic, Writing and Drawing.

STANDARD V.

Eva Lewis, Composition, Reading and Geography. Carmen Botelho, Needlework. Helena Yvanovich, Arithmetic and Algebra.

STANDARD IV.

Lilly Trilligis, Dictation. A. Carvalho, Needlework. R. Silas, Geography. E. Pereira, Arithmetic.

STANDARD III.

M. Peterson, General.

STANDARD II.

F. Silas.

STANDARD I.

Annia Loureiro.

SPECIAL PRIZE FOR HISTORY. Serena Mehta.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by correspondents in this column.]

WHY THE NAVY IS UNDERMANNED.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." DEAR SIR.—I have read, with great interest, the various letters that have appeared in your valuable paper, about the Royal Navy, and the men to man it, and as I have had a great experience in it, I am in a position to give a few reasons why the Navy is not so popular as it ought to be.

The question of food we will take first. Every man and boy in the service is allowed the sum of 1s. a day, mostly in kind, for messing, and it is of such a kind that the men are heartily sick of it before they have been there a month, but still it goes on just the same, viz. In harbour, stuff called cocoa and dry bread for breakfast, rib of beef for dinner, stewed tea and dry bread for supper. At 10 p.m. biscuits of a place of bread, and salt in place of fresh meat, but as these do not come to quite 1s. a day there is a little called savings left, which with the help of from 5s. to 10s. a month, out of their own pocket, enables them to have a few vegetables, and a drop of milk, and a bit of butter.

What is wanted is, for the money to be paid in cash, so that the men can have just what they fancy, the stores to be sold as a canteen, and bills rendered, and men and boys, instead of the everlasting beef and dry bread, get a bit of the steward for just what they want; this would prevent waste, and

Intimations.

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TOKIO MARU..... E. W. Harwell	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE, and BRISBANE	FRIDAY, 31st April, at 4 P.M.
KAWACHI MARU..... J. S. Thompson	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 7th April, at 4 P.M.
MATSUMURA MARU..... J. Nirel	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	THURSDAY, 14th April, at 4 P.M.
TAMBA MARU..... H. Barnes	MARSEILLES, LONDON, and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE (Transhipping Cargo for JAPA PORTS), PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID	THURSDAY, 28th April, at 4 P.M.

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A. S. MIHARA,
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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898.

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THE Company's Steamship"KALGAN."
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [425]OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR KUDAT AND SANDAKAN.
THE Company's Steamship"MEMNON."
Captain Macgregor, will be despatched TO-
MORROW, the 26th instant, at 3 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [418]MOGUL-WARRACK-MILBURN LINE.
FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.
THE Steamship"GHAZEE."
Captain Bailey will be despatched as above TO-
MORROW, the 26th March.
S.S. "LENNOX" about 16th April.
S.S. "ATHAN" 23rd April.
S.S. "ENERGIA" 31st May.
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DODWELL CARLILL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 23rd March, 1898. [463]DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOCHOW.
THE Company's Steamship"HAITAN."
Captain Bathurst, will be despatched for the
above Ports on SUNDAY, the 27th instant,
at Daylight.
For Freight or Passage apply to
DOUGLAS CARLILL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1898. [434]INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Geo. Payne, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
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General Managers.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1898. [433]CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.FOR PORT DARWIN, QUEENSLAND
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THE Company's Steamship"TAIYUAN."
Captain Nelson, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 29th instant, at 3 P.M.
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Engines. A Refrigerating Chamber ensures the
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to and from AUSTRALIA are available for return
by the Steamers of the EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN
S.S. Co. and vice versa.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 24th March, 1898. [361]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship
"DARDANUS."
Captain Gregory, will be despatched as above
on SATURDAY, the 2nd prox.
For Freight, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 17th March, 1898. [403]FOR SYDNEY via THURSDAY ISLAND
AND TOWNSVILLE.THE Steamship
"JACOB CHRISTENSEN."
will be despatched for the above ports on or
about the 5th proximo.
For freight, apply to
Geo. R. STEVENS,
Agent.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [416]

FOR NEW YORK, via SUEZ CANAL.

THE Steamship
"BERNALDER."
Petter, Master, will be despatched as above
on or about the 4th April.
To be followed by
S.S. "CLAYBERRY," on or about 19th April.
S.S. "MERIONTHSHIRE," on or about 31st
May.
S.S. "QUEEN MARGARET," on or about 17th
May.
S.S. "ST. NINIAN," on or about 31st May.
S.S. "CRAIGRAN," on or about 14th June.
For Freight, &c., apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1898. [372]

Shipping.

SAILING VESSELS.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE British Bark
"WEST YORK."
W. L. Forster, Master, will load here for the
above Port, and will have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1898. [352]

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.

THE 100 A.I. British Ship
"IMBERHORNE."
Lever, Master, Shortly expected here, will load
for the above port and will have quick de-
spatch.
For Freight, apply to
SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 19th March, 1898. [414]

Mails.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL
STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.
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STRAITS, CEYLON, AUSTRALIA, INDIA,
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PERSIAN GULF, CONTINENTAL and
AMERICAN PORTS).
THE Steamship
"THAMES."
Captain S. Barcham, carrying Her Majesty's
Mails, will be despatched from this for
BOMBAY, &c., on SATURDAY the 2nd April,
at Noon, taking Passengers and Cargo for the
above Ports.Silk and Valuable, all Cargo for Franco and
Tea for London (under arrangement) will be
transhipped at Colombo into a steamer proceed-
ing direct to Marseilles and London.Parcels will be received at this Office until 4
P.M. the day before sailing. The Contents and
Value of all Packages are required.
Shippers are particularly requested to note
the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills
of Lading.
For further Particulars, apply to
H. A. RITCHIE,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st March, 1898. [5]

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID, NAPLES, GENOA,
ANTWERP, BREMEN AND HAMBURG,
HOLLAND, IN THE LEVANT.
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ALSO
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BALTIMORE, NEW ORLEANS,
GALVESTON, AND SOUTH AMERICAN
PORTS.THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT
SOUTHAMPTON
TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LUGGAGE.N.B.—CARGO CAN BE TAKEN ON THROUGH
BILLS OF LADING FOR THE PRINCIPAL
PLACES IN RUSSIA.

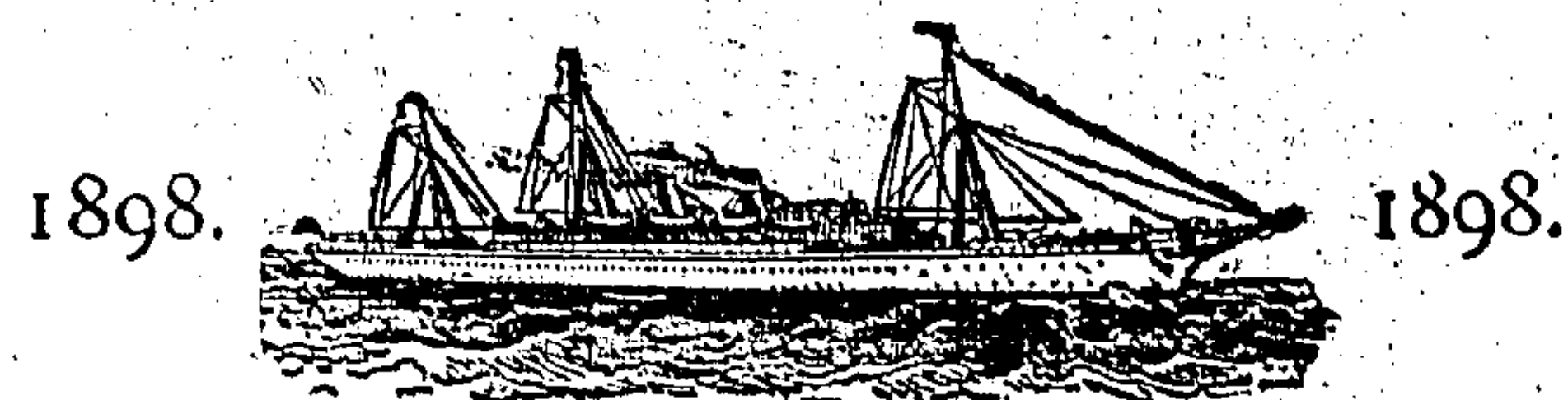
PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

Bayern	Wednesday	30th March.
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	17th April.
Prinzess	Wednesday	25th May.
Sachsen	Wednesday	22nd June.
Bayern	Wednesday	20th July.
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	17th Aug.
Darmstadt	Wednesday	14th Sept.
Prinzess	Wednesday	12th Oct.
Sachsen	Wednesday	9th Nov.
Bayern	Wednesday	7th Dec.
Prins Heinrich	Wednesday	4th Jan. '99.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of March,
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"BAYERN," Captain E. Prehn, with
MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE and CARGO,
will leave this Port as above, calling at NAPLES
and Genoa.Shipping Orders will be granted till NOON on
MONDAY, the 28th instant. Cargo and Specie
will be received on board until 5 P.M. on TUESDAY
the 29th instant, and Parcels will be received at
the Agency's Office until NOON on TUESDAY, the
29th inst. Contents of Packages are required.
No Parcel Receipts will be signed for less than
£2.50 and Parcels should not exceed Two Feet
Cable in Measurement.The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and a Stewardess.
Linen can be washed on board.
For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 1st March, 1898. [325]NORTHERN PACIFIC
STEAMSHIP COMPANY:VIA SHANGHAI, INLAND SEA, KOBE,
AND YOKOHAMA.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM
HONGKONG.FOR VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA
IN CONNECTION WITH
NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.Columbia 1,265 | A. Gow April 5.
Tacoma 1,249 | A. Dixon April 26.
Victoria 1,167 | J. Truchildge May 17.
Olympia 1,167 | T. H. Dobson June 7.ALSO
FOR PORTLAND, OREGON,
IN CONNECTION WITH
OREGON RAILROAD AND NAVIGATION
COMPANY.Mogul 1,354 | W. H. Wright May 29.
Argyll 1,297 | W. Ward May 3.
Bramar 1,361 | E. Foster May 24.Not calling SHANGHAI—Calling at HONOLULU.
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Or. (whichever may be the destination of the
Steamer).Parcels must be sent to our Office (with address
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Hongkong, 15th February, 1898.

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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

EMPEROR OF CHINA.....Comdr. H. Pybus, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 6th April, 1898.
EMPEROR OF INDIA.....Comdr. O. P. Marshall, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 27th April, 1898.
EMPEROR OF JAPAN.....Comdr. Geo. A. Lee, R.N.R.....WEDNESDAY, 18th May, 1898.THE magnificent Twin-screw Steamships of this Line pass through the famous INLAND SEA
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Hongkong, 17th March, 1898.

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HONOLULU.PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
City of Peking (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama & Hono-
lulu) Saturday, 9th April,
at Noon.City of Canton (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and Honolu-
lu) Saturday, 30th April,
at Noon.City of Peking (via
Shanghai, Nagasaki,
Kobe, Inland Sea,
Yokohama and Honolu-
lu) Thursday, 19th May,
at Noon.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship

"CITY OF PEKING"
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SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND
SEA, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on
SATURDAY, the 9th April, at Noon
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Japan, the United States.Steamers of this line pass through the IN-
LAND SEA OF JAPAN, and call at Honolulu,
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SAN FRANCISCO and CHICAGO, the option
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Diplomatic, and Civil Services, to European
Officials in the service of China and Japan, and
to Government officials and their families.Passengers who have paid full fare, re-embarking
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